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FOrtune-Hunting is become a Kind of Science, and the Young, Vain, Handſome and Neceſſitous, are, now a-days, almoſt all of them Initiates; the firſt Step in the Study is Aſſurance, and good Cloaths; the next, Intelligence and Acquaintance; the laſt, Artifice and Diſſimulation: 'Tis ſaid, there is a Society, from a neighbouring Nation, which is eſtabliſh'd ſolely for the Benefit of ſuch Adventurers, who like the *primitive Chriſtians*, have all Things in common, and from the general Fund, equip the Gallant, for his firſt Sally on the World.——Tho' each particular Member is poor, the whole Community either by Money, or Credit, can ſupport any moderate Expence; and he that ſucceeds not only reimburſes, but adds a generous Acknowledgment, by way of Gratitude, for his own good Fortune, and the Encouragement of thoſe that follow him.——Hence it is, that many a young Spark appears in publick Places, like a Man of Quality, lives high, and pays honourably, without any viſible Eſtate or Dependence; and ſometimes carries off an Heireſs, and ſometimes diſappears, like a Meteor, and is never heard of any more.—For, like Bees, they immediately diſcard every Drone from the Hive, and never truſt a Man with a ſecond Opportunity, who has abus'd or neglected the firſt. Neither will even ill Luck ſecure a Member from Baniſhment, for they rightly judge that he, who can't make his own Fortune, can never help theirs, and Pity or Compaſſion is as foreign to their Schemes, as the *Charitable Corporations*.—As this is their principal Maxim among themſelves, ſo in the World they are never to be in Love, on any Account whatever: For they believe that Paſſion has ſomething in it too artleſs and generous for their Deſigns, and find by Experience, that to diſſemble well is of infinitely greater Uſe.——

Whether this Report is true, or no, 'tis certain there are certain Numbers of extravagant, idle young Fellows, that go up and down the World, as the Devil is deſcrib'd, ſeeking whom they may devour, and, 'tis of the higheſt Conſequence to Ladies of Fortune to be upon their Guard againſt them.——Some of the Sex, indeed, are never to be warn'd either by Precept or Example: Such are thoſe who have this ſtrange Sentence in their Mouths continually, *That they will pleaſe their Eyes, tho' they plague their Hearts*; and 'tis only to be inſulted, to endeavour to reſtore thoſe to their Senſes.——They meet their Undoers half way, and are in as much Haſte to be ruin'd, as they to ruin. Tho' even theſe, if they would mingle the leaſt Grain of Diſcretion, with this prepoſterous Deſire of Pleaſure, and Contempt of Danger, might be as happy in the Perſons of their Lovers, as in their Manners and Circumſtances: For Beauty is not incompatible with Senſe or Fortune, and a little Patience may reconcile both them and Love together at once.——Not that Diſcretion, Caution, or any Kind of Foreſight can always prevent the Stratagems of Cunning and Deſign, and the moſt prudent and meritorious may be as much undone by them, as the moſt raſh and precipitate.

Sempronia was a Lady of exemplary Senſe and Conduct; had receiv'd the Benefit of a grave and reſerv'd Education, and the Freedom and Experience of an extenſive and refin'd Converſation: Her Father had ſo great an Opinion of her OEconomy and Management, that he left her ſole Miſtreſs of a Fortune of ſix thouſand Pounds, and ſhe liv'd irreproachably on the Intereſt of it, for four or five Years after his Death; refus'd ſeveral ſeemingly advantageous Matches, that were offer'd her in that Interval, for prudential Reaſons, and, in ſhort, was a Sort of Pattern of Prudence and good Senſe, to all the Ladies of her Acquaintance.

In this calm and honourable Situation, a Gentleman was introduc'd to her Company of an antient Name and Family, a clear and noble Fortune, unincumber'd with Debts, Jointures, Mortgages, or a numerous Train of poor Relations.——His Seat was in the *North*, pleaſantly ſituated, in the Midſt of delicious Views and Proſpects; and ſurrounded with quiet and hoſpitable Neighbours; old, but not ruinous, and if not grand and elegant, convenient and venerable.——This Gentleman preſently declar'd himſelf her Admirer, on honourable Terms, made this Declaration in ſo plain and honeſt a Manner, and offer'd ſuch generous and handſome Propoſals, that ſhe could not help being prejudic'd in his Favour, on the moſt juſt and rational Conſiderations.——Tho' he preſs'd his Suit with Vigour and Importunity, he made uſe of no Arts to hinder her from making what Enquiries into his Circumſtances ſhe pleas'd.——On the contrary, he puſh'd her to ſatisfy herſelf as much as poſſible. He gave her the Rent Roll of his Eſtates, the Names of his Tenants, the Term and Value of their Leaſes, and, in ſhort, the minuteſt Accounts imaginable, of every Part of his Eſtate.——Tho' nothing ſeem'd opener than this Conduct, ſhe was willing to have yet farther Authority than his own Repreſentations, and employs a ſubtle and experienc'd Lawyer to take a Journey ſecretly down to the Premiſes, and endeavour to inform himſelf, if the Matter of Fact agreed with the Deſcription.——He follows her Inſtructions, applies to every Body upon the Spot for Intelligence, and finds every Tittle even better than repreſented.——He even enquir'd where the Gentleman then was; was told at *London*, and looking out for a Wife.——Then had his Perſonage and Complection deſcrib'd, and finding they all agreed exactly, he pads up to Town, acquaints the Lady with his Succeſs, and perſuaded her by all Means to finiſh the Treaty at once.——

She had now done all that could be expected to ſecure herſelf, and took his Advice, leaving it to him to contrive the Settlement in the ſafeſt Manner poſſible; which was ſoon finiſh'd to the mutual Satisfaction of both Parties.——The Day was now fix'd for the Marriage, and he preſented her with ſome Jewels on that Occaſion.——The Lawyer gave her away, and the Wedding was private, becauſe the Relations, on either Side, had not been conſulted on the Match.——After this was over they liv'd a Fortnight in Town, with great Harmony and Satisfaction, during which Time he took Poſſeſſion of her Fortune, and remov'd it out of the Funds into the Hands of a Banker, under the Pretence of making an additional Purchaſe to his Eſtate.——He now pleaded a Neceſſity of going to his Seat, to fit up her Apartment, and prepare every Thing for her Reception, propoſing to return, and wait upon her thither in Perſon.——She who was all Obedience, readily agreed to it, and they parted with much Fondneſs, tho' without Grief, as Perſons who were ſoon to meet again with an additional Pleaſure.——In his Abſence, ſhe ſent her Compliments to her Friends with the News of her Match, and made a Viſit of Ceremony, as having but little Time longer to ſtay in Town.——

A Fortnight paſs'd away in this Manner, and no News from her Huſband, not ſo much as a Letter of his Health, or Enquiry after hers.——This alarm'd her firſt, then made her uneaſy, but ſtill fearing only ſome Diſaſter had befallen him.——At laſt, unable to endure the Uncertainty longer, ſhe diſpatches her Lawyer down to his Eſtate again to gain Satisfaction.——At his Arrival, he enquir'd at an Inn, near his Seat, after his Health and Welfare, and was told he was *now* at home, married and well: Overjoy'd at this, he haſtens thither, as to a Friend and Acquaintance, and, on being introduc'd, to his infinite Aſtoniſhment, diſcover'd he was not the Perſon; and that ſome impudent Impoſtor, not unlike him in Age and Figure, had taken upon him his Name and Character, and, having punctually inform'd himſelf of his Eſtate, Family, *&c.* had made Uſe of all, to enſnare this unfortunate Lady, and cheat her of her Fortune.

With a heavy Heart, he now return'd, and, not caring to deliver his lamentable News in Perſon, inform'd the Lady by Letter, of her Calamity.——No Words can expreſs her Confuſion at reading it: She could hardly believe her Eyes; and nothing but the Certainty of her Diſtreſs, could convince her of the Poſſibility.——From an eaſy, quiet, affluent, independent Eſtate, ſhe found herſelf in a few Days exalted, as ſhe believ'd, to Grandeur and eſtabliſh'd Felicity, an Object of Envy and Admiration: And, in a few Days more reduc'd to the loweſt Miſery and Wretchedneſs.——Marry'd to a Villain, and ſtript of her Fortune.——Aſham'd, of what ought rather to be pity'd, ſhe retir'd from the Town and all her Relations and Acquaintance, and by the Sale of her Cloaths, Laces, Jewels and ſuch Trifles, made a Shift to purchaſe a wretched Annuity, juſt enough to ſupport Life, and the Remembrance of her Sorrows together.

SATURDAY, *Auguſt* 23.

ON Thurſday the *Portſmouth* Coach was robb'd near *Redhill* Warren-Houſe in *Surrey*, by two Highwaymen well mounted on brown Bay Horſes, one with a bald Face and ſwitch Tale, the other a large Star and very ſhort Tail; one of the Rogues had a black Crape over his Face, the other a red Gauze Handkerchief over his. They took from Mr. *Talbot*, a Paſſenger in the Coach, a Silver Watch, two Guineas and ſome Silver; and from three Women Paſſengers about 4 *l.* then wiſh'd them a good Journey, and rode off with great Speed towards *Guildford*: Before they were got out of Sight, meeting two Men on Horſeback, they ſtopt and robb'd them, then made them diſmount, turn'd their Horſes looſe on the Heath, and rode off as before.

Yeſterday in the Afternoon a mad Maſtiff Bitch ran over *Tower-Hill*; in her Way ſhe bit Capt. *William Hill* of *Limehouſe* in the Arm, tore a Woman's Gown very much, but fetch'd no Blood of her; ſhe crying out a Mad Dog, made all other Perſons near get out of the Way, except a Drayman, who ran and met, and with his Slings knock'd her down, juſt as ſhe was running into *Rag-Fair*.

Our Letters from *Liſbon* are full of the Satisfaction his *Portugueze* Majeſty expreſs'd when he was on board the Fleet in the *Tagus*: Sir *John Norris* entertain'd him in the moſt elegant Manner, and caus'd an Exerciſe to be perform'd while his Majeſty was on board his Ship, as when in an Engagement, with which he ſeem'd extremely delighted; and upon obſerving the Diſpatch and Readineſs of the Seamen in performing what was commanded them, was pleas'd to ſay, *It was no Wonder the* Engliſh *Fleet reign'd Maſters of the Sea.*

MONDAY, *Auguſt* 25.

On Friday Evening about Six o'Clock, as the *Cuſtom-Houſe* Officers were bringing to Town in a Coach, a Parcel of Run Tea they had ſeiz'd near *Lewiſham* in *Kent*, in a Barn, which was guarded by a Serjeant and eight Soldiers, they were met by four Smugglers on Horſeback, arm'd with Blunderbuſſes, Piſtols, Cutlaſſes, *&c.* who were advancing to attack them, when the Soldiers fir'd, killed two on the Spot, ſhot the Horſe of a third, ſo that he fell and ſurrender'd, but the fourth turn'd about, damn'd them all, and rode away as faſt as poſſible, and eſcaped them.

By a *Yarmouth* Collier Yeſterday arrived in the River, we have an Account, that being at Anchor to the Northward of *Margate Sands* waiting for the Tide of Flood, on Friday Evening about Eight o'Clock, a Sloop or Hoy drove on the ſaid Sands, and immediately ſunk; and

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tho' ſo near their Ship, that they could hear the Cries of the People (five or ſix, as near as they could judge) yet they could no Ways aſſiſt them, it then blowing a Storm. A Hoyman, who come up the River Yeſterday alſo, ſays, he heard ſhe was a Coaſter laden with Corn.

On Saturday laſt two Officers of the Cuſtoms ſearch'd ſeveral People at *Woolwich*, whom they ſaw or ſuſpected to come from on board the two *India* Ships, who arriv'd there on Friday, and made ſeveral Seizures, and having an Information of a large Quantity of Tea and Muſlins being carried into *Hanging-Wood* near *Charlton* in *Kent*; they, after a long Search, found ſome in a hollow Tree, and ſome buried under Ground, for which 'tis ſaid the Informers Share will come to 30 or 40 *l.* That Wood and the Furze Hills adjoining, have been long noted as a Repoſitory made uſe of by Smugglers.

We have Advice from *Lisbon*, that the ſage and moderate Conduct of Sir *John Norris* has ſo won upon the King of *Portugal*, that his Majeſty has declared he will refer himſelf intirely to the Mediation and good Offices of *Great Britain*, for an Accommodation of his Differences with the Court of *Spain*. The King has made a ſecond Viſit to the *Engliſh* Fleet, accompanied by the Infant *Don Francis* his Brother, the Prince of *Brazil*, and the other young Princes. The Ships had all their Colours out, and were adorn'd with Streamers, Pennants, *&c.* in the gayeſt Manner poſſible. His Majeſty was receiv'd on board the *Britannia* by Sir *John Norris*, who had with him all the Captains of the Fleet, and was ſaluted by 21 Guns from all the Ships. His Majeſty ſtaid a long Time on board, and took Part of a Collation: Upon his going away he preſented Sir *John* with a large maſſy Gold Medal and Chain of great Value, and to each of the other Captains a ſmaller Medal, valued at 3000 Cruzadoes, about 600 *l.* Sterling. The King and the Princes gave likewiſe very liberally to all the Ships Companies, and the Moment they landed were ſaluted with the like Number of Guns as before.

On the 24th was performed at *Lisbon*, one of thoſe terrible Executions, to which the Inquiſition has given the Title of *Auto da Fe*, or, *Acts of Faith*. Seven Perſons condemned to die for the Errors of *Judaiſm*, were burnt alive, according to the Laws of that dreadful Tribunal. Other Perſons found guilty of leſſer Crimes, underwent leſs cruel Puniſhment. Among theſe Criminals were ſeveral, accus'd of ſuch extraordinary Things, that the Inquiſition thought them impoſſible without the Help of Contracts and Enchantment: Nay two Women were ſtupid enough to own, that they had kept a Correſpondence with Infernal Spirits. Sir *John Norris* and all the Captains of the *Engliſh* Fleet ſaw this Sight, and were placed with Diſtinction.

In the Night between Friday and Saturday laſt, an Officer of the Cuſtoms ſeiz'd out of the Well of a Fiſhing-Smack, coming up *Blackwall-Reach*, a large Quantity of Arrack, and in the Cabbin ſeveral valuable Pieces of Silk and Sooſee Handkerchiefs; the Smack was thereby ſeizable alſo, but the Wind being exceſſive high, he knew not how to manage her; ſo contented himſelf with taking the Cargo only.

Bankrupts. *John Pembrudge*, of *Glouceſter*, Grocer and Chandler.——*James Durrant*, and *John Durrant*, of *Beachampton*, *Bucks*, Dealers in Cattle and Chapmen.——*John Whiter*, of *Burford*, *Oxfordſhire*, Dealer and Chapman.——*John Crompton*, late of *Warwick-Court*, *Warwick-Lane*, *London*, Chapman and Dealer in Pictures.——*John Smith*, late of *Weſt Smithfield*, *London*, Diſtiller.——*Archibald Douglaſs*, of *Charing-Croſs*, Coffeeman and Chapman.

TUESDAY, *Auguſt* 26.

A few Evenings ago a Man and a Woman coming to be married at the *Fleet*, ſome Words aroſe about the Fees, when the Woman falling into a Paſſion, told the Parſon *he was a Rogue, for that ſhe had been married by him twenty and twenty Times before, but never paid any Thing like it; and that he could not forget it, for that he had married her but the very ſame Morning.*

On Tueſday the 19th Inſtant a merry Cauſe was tried at *Briſtol* between a Braſs-Founder, Plaintiff, and a Corn-Chandler, Defendant, for criminal Converſation with the Plaintiff's Wife; the Action was laid for 1000 *l.* Damage, but the Jury gave a Verdict for no more than 5 *l.* The Founder had threaten'd to ſue ſeveral other young Gentlemen on a like Iſſue; but as the Damage given him fell ſhort of his Expectation, 'tis thought he will alter his Intention, and *draw in his Horns.*

On Sunday between Four and Five o'Clock in the Afternoon, a Fire broke out at a Chandler's Shop in *Old Bedlam*, which burnt down the Upper Part of that, and two or three other Houſes, and a large Quantity of Flax and Hemp in one of the Houſes had taken Fire, but was ſoon extinguiſh'd. A young Woman jump'd out of a Two Pair of Stairs Window where the Fire begun, but happily received no Hurt.

They write from *Wallingford* in *Berkſhire*, that on Wedneſday Morning laſt, about Two o'Clock, a Fire broke out there, which very much alarm'd the Town, and did great Damage.

The Inhabitants have diſcovered, that there was a Deſign to ſet Fire to the Town in four ſeveral Places at once; but the ſame was happily diſcovered before the ſecond Place was ſet on Fire. The Fire began at the Houſe of one Mr. *Maxey* a Joyner, and was wilfully done by his own Brother, who is apprehended and committed to Gaol for the ſame. It is remarkable, that the Suckers of all the Pumps in Town were pulled out by the Villain, that Water might not be got at.

Yeſterday two private Centinels received 100 Laſhes each on the Parade, the one for having (to the Diſgrace of the Cloth) been found guilty of being Follower and Setter to a Bailiff; the other for Neglect of Duty.

On Saturday in the Afternoon, Mr. *Simmons*, a Stable-Keeper near *Aldgate*, going with a Friend towards *Tottenham*, ſaw a Man on a Mare of his, which he loſt out of a Field at *Mile-End*, on the 7th of laſt Month, and claiming her, the Man very readily offered to deliver her; but Mr. *Simmons* obliged him to ride on, altho' a Perſon in Company with him rid off full Speed, whom he called after to ſtop, by the Name of Mr. *Child*. When Mr. *Simmons* and his Friend had brought the Man and his Mare to the *White Hart* at *Tottenham*, they carried him before Juſtice *Smithſon*, before whom he prevaricated, as to what he was, and how he came by the Mare, *&c.* At the *White Hart* he was permitted to go to the Neceſſary Houſe; after which Search being made there, two loaded Piſtols and a Powder Horn were found, and he not offering to call any one to his Character, was committed to the New Priſon, *Clerkenwell*. The Mare was Bay, about 14 Hands and a half high, broken winded; and the Rider was a little Man, well dreſſed, about 24 Years old; had, when taken, 10 *s.* 6 *d.* and a Silver Medal in his Pocket.

Laſt Sunday in the Afternoon the Lord *Lempſter*, eldeſt Son of the Right Hon. the Earl of *Pomfret*, Maſter of the Horſe to her Majeſty, a fine Youth of about 13 or 14 Years of Age, had the Misfortune to fall over the Rails of the Flat over the back Cloſet of his Father's Houſe in *Hanover-Square* into the Area that leads to the back Offices, by which Accident his Skull is fractur'd, and Yeſterday his Life was deſpair'd of.

On Sunday Morning near fifty Sail of Ships were driven from their Anchors in the River by the high Wind.

Laſt Tueſday at the Horſe-Races at *Worthey-Downs*, near *Wincheſter*, the Lord *Weymouth*'s Chetnut Mare, and Mr. *Piercy*'s Grey Gelding, ſtarted for his Majeſty's Plate of 100 Guineas, which was won by the former.

Laſt Saturday Se'nnight a Match was run on *Lugg-Meadows*, near *Hereford*, between Mr. *Tyler*'s Horſe and Mr. *Carnington*'s Horſe, for 100 Guineas a Side, which we hear was won by Mr. *Carnington*.

Laſt Thurſday the 20 Guineas were won at *Oxford* by Mr. *Sellwood*'s Bay Mare.

And on Friday ſeven ſtarted for the Ladies Plate of 80 Guineas, which were won by Mr. *Tuting*'s Mare.

Immediately after the Race was over, a violent Storm of Hail fell, the like has hardly been known in thoſe Parts; and the People hurrying home, a Butcher fell into a muddy Ditch in the Town, and had been ſuffocated, had not a Boy by Chance diſcover'd ſomething move in the Ditch, which at firſt he took for a Dog, but on calling out, Perſons came up, and diſcover'd it to be a Man, to all Appearance, juſt gaſping his laſt; he was taken out, and 'tis hop'd will recover.

On Friday laſt *Philip Hall*, a Bricklayer, was committed to *Newgate* by Juſtice *Deveil*, for ſtealing a ſcollop'd Silver Salver from Sir *Robert Walpole*'s Houſe at *Chelſea*; it is remarkable, that this Man has work'd at the Houſe for near 20 Years.

We hear that the walking Taylor came in the third Time on Saturday Night laſt about Nine o'Clock, but declined going the fourth and laſt Time for the Wager, ſaying it was impoſſible he ſhould perform it before Twelve o'Clock; upon which ſome of the Betts were paid, tho' others were refuſed, ſome People affirming that he had been four Times that Day; ſo that the Affair at laſt is like to terminate in the Law: However, 'tis ſaid he has thought fit to withdraw, to ſcreen himſelf from the Reſentment of the Populace.

Preferment. His Grace the Duke of *Montague* hath appointed Capt. *Cockayne* to be Secretary of the moſt honourable Order of the *Bath*, in the room of *Edward Montague*, Eſq; who hath reſign'd.

Deaths. On Saturday Night died, at his Houſe at *Kew-Green*, *Robert Murden*, Eſq; Brother to the late Sir *Jeremiah Murden*, ſome Years ſince Sheriff of this City.——Laſt Week died *Richard Machen*, Eſq; one of his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the County of *Glouceſter*, and Verdurer of the Foreſt of *Dean*.

WEDNESDAY, *Auguſt* 27.

On Monday Morning came Advice of the ſafe Arrival in the *Downs* of the *Hallifax*, Capt. *Butler*, from *Scandaroon*, richly laden, in the Service of the *Turky* Company.

And on Monday Night came Advice, that the *Euphrates*, Capt. *Peacock*, arriv'd in the *Downs* on Sunday Morning from *Smyrna*, in the Service of the *Turky* Company.

At the laſt Aſſizes at *Lewes* in *Suſſex*, a Perſon was brought to the Bar, and charged that he (with a Man and Woman not yet taken) did on the 20th of *May* laſt, murder a young Woman near *Petworth* in *Suſſex*, in the following Manner: The Priſoner was let into the

Houſe by a Boy, who was put in at the Window for that Purpoſe; when he and the reſt of the Gang rifled the Houſe, and pack'd up the Goods: But this young Woman, who was abroad with her Mother, a Widow, returned home ſooner than ordinary, and on opening the Door ſhe was knocked down, and her Throat cut in a very ſhocking Manner: The Murder was not diſcover'd till ſome Hours after, when her Mother returning home, found her Houſe rifled, and her Daughter murder'd: Upon this ſhe rais'd the Country, and this Man, who pretended to be dumb and lame, was taken on Suſpicion, ſeveral Spots of Blood, and Part of the Goods being found upon him. When he was brought to the Bar, he would not ſpeak or plead, tho' often preſs'd to it, and the Sentence read to him, to be inflicted on ſuch Perſons that ſtood mute; yet he continued obſtinate; there were four or five Perſons in the Court who ſwore they had heard him ſpeak, and the Boy who was the Accomplice and apprehended, was there to be a Witneſs againſt him, yet he continued mute; whereupon he was carried back to *Horſham* Gaol to be preſs'd to Death, if he would not plead. They laid on him firſt 100 Weight, then added one hundred more, and he ſtill continued obſtinate; they then added one hundred more, yet he would not plead, then made it 350 lb. yet he would not ſpeak, then adding 50 lb. more, he was juſt dead, having all the Agonies of Death upon him, then the Executioner, who weighs about 16 or 17 Stone, laid down upon the Board which was over him, and, adding to the Weight, kill'd him in an Inſtant.

Monday laſt Mr. *Evan Lloyd*, a *Welſh* Drover, having ſold ſome (and waiting to ſell the reſt) of his Cattle at *Welſh-Fair*, went into a Booth to refreſh himſelf, where meeting a Woman of the Town, and treating her with a Bottle of Cyder, ſhe took an Opportunity to pick his Pocket of 45 *l.* notwithſtanding they had no Convenience of being in private together, and the Booth all the Time full of Company.

Laſt Week the Figures lately carried from *Kenſington*, were placed in their due Order in *Merlin's-Cave*, in the Royal Gardens of *Richmond*, viz. *Merlin*, ſitting at a Table, with Conjuring Books and Mathematical Inſtruments, taken from the Face of Mr. *Erneſt*, Page of the Back Stairs to the Prince of *Wales*; King *Henry* the Seventh's Queen, and Queen *Elizabeth*, who come to *Merlin* for Knowledge, the former from the Face of Mrs. *Margaret Purcell*, and the latter from Miſs *Pager's*; *Minerva*, from the Hon. Mrs. *Poyntz's*; *Merlin's* Secretary, from *Kemp's*, a Youth, one of his Royal Highneſs the Duke's Grenadiers; and a Witch, from a Tradeſman's Wife at *Richmond*.

The exterior Part of the ſaid Cave being near compleated, her Majeſty has been pleas'd to order a choice Collection of *Engliſh* Books to be placed therein.

Her Majeſty hath been likewiſe pleaſed to appoint the celebrated Mr. *Stephen Duck* to be Cave and Library Keeper, as alſo his Wife to be neceſſary Woman thereto.

Bankrupt. James Sympſon, of *Bolton in the Moors*, *Lancaſter*, Dyer and Chapman.

THURSDAY, *Auguſt* 28.

Laſt Night the Hon. *Richard Arundell*, Eſq; Surveyor-General of his Majeſty's Works, receiv'd Orders to fit up with all convenient Speed, the Lord *Harrington's* Houſe and the next adjoining, in *Cleveland-Row*, St. *James's*, for the Reception of her Highneſs the Princeſs of *Saxe-Gotha*, the intended Conſort of his Royal Highneſs the Prince of *Wales*.

In the Night of Tueſday and Wedneſday laſt the Houſe of Mr. *Read*, a Haberdaſher of Small Wares, in *Norris-ſtreet*, St. *James's*, was attempted to be burnt, a Heap of Combuſtibles, together with a Train of Gunpowder and a Piece of Candle, having been fix'd at his Door for that Purpoſe: The Contrivers had ſet the Whole on Fire, by which Means a Poſt and Part of the Door were burnt: And as Mr. *Carr*, a wealthy Maſter Taylor, Churchwarden of St. *James's* Pariſh, receiv'd a Day or two before an Incendiary Letter, ſubſequent to another wrote about ſix Weeks ago, threatning Fire, Murder, *&c.* unleſs a Sum of Money was left in a certain Place mention'd; theſe Facts have been laid before the Privy Council; and we hear that a Proclamation will be ſpeedily iſſued for diſcovering the Authors of ſo ſhocking a Villainy.

The Lord *Lempſter*, Son to the Earl of *Pomfret*, having been trepann'd for the Fracture in his Skull, occaſion'd by a Fall into the Area of his Father's Houſe in *Hanover-Square*, is likely to recover.

On Sunday laſt arriv'd at *Graveſend* the *Two Brothers*, Capt. *Thompſon* Commander, from the Town of *Savannah* in *Georgia*, which Colony he left about two Months ſince in a very flouriſhing Condition: He hath brought with him the *Spake* (or Speech) ſo term'd, made in *June* laſt, by the *Indian* Kings of *Cherricaw* and other Nations, attended by *Tomo Chachi* and the other *Indians*, who were laſt Year in this Kingdom. The ſaid *Spake* is curiouſly written in red and black Letters on the Skin of a young Buffalo, half tann'd, with Hair on the other Side, and was tranſlated into *Engliſh* as ſoon as it was deliver'd in the *Indian* Language, in the Preſence of above 50 *Indian* Chiefs with their Attendants, beſides the principal Inhabitants of *Savannah*.

It is full of the grateful Acknowledgments of the ſaid *Indians*, for the extraordinary Honours and Civilities paid to *Tomo Chachi* and the other *Indians* lately in *England*, and after admiring the Account of the *Britiſh* Court and Nation, expreſs their great Happineſs at Mr. *Oglethorpe's* coming among them.

We hear that the aboveſaid Skin is forthwith to be ſet in a fine Gold Frame, and hung up in the *Georgia* Office in *Weſtminſter*.

Capt. *Thompſon* hath brought with him divers Alligators, beſides Tortoiſes and other Curioſities, as a Preſent to Sir *Hans Sloane*.

A melancholy Accident happen'd on Tueſday Night laſt about Eight o'Clock, at Mr. *Thomas Chance's*, a great Diſtiller in *Budge-Row*, where a young Man, Servant to Mr. *Chance*, going up a Pair of Stairs with a Candle and a large Pot of ſpirituous Liquor, in order to put it into a Cask, the Steps ſlipt, and he falling, threw the Liquor over him, which the Candle immediately ſet Fire to, and he ran up and down the Street all over in a Flame, to the utmoſt Surprize of the Neighbours, by which the unhappy Youth was ſo much burnt, that his Skin came off with his Clothes: Mr. *Chance* ſhew'd the greateſt Concern imaginable at this Misfortune, and immediately got all the Help poſſible; yet notwithſtanding the Aſſiſtance of three able Surgeons, the poor Fellow expired Yeſterday about Twelve at Noon, in a miſerable Condition. It was a Providence however that none of the other Liquors in the Shop took Fire, which would immediately have ſet the whole Houſe in a Flame.

On Wedneſday ſeveral of the Show-People went to petition the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor for Leave to continue *Bartholomew-Fair* for that Day only, but to no Purpoſe, his Lordſhip being reſolv'd to abide by the expreſs Words of the Act, *viz.* the 24th, 25th, and 26th of *Auguſt*; and the ſame Day the City-Marſhal and his Men took particular Care that not one Show ſhould be perform'd, tho' vaſt Crowds of People reſorted thither in the Afternoon, as expecting the Fair to continue.

On Tueſday Morning a large Eel was caught near *London-Bridge*, ten Inches round, and near two Yards long.

Death. On Saturday laſt died, at *Woodford* in *Eſſex*, the Hon. Mrs. *Elizabeth Devereux*, Wife of the Hon. *Price Devereux*, Knight of the Shire for the County of *Montgomery*.

FRIDAY, *Auguſt* 29.

On Tueſday arriv'd a Courier from *Hanover*, with Advice of the King's continuing in good Health, and that the News of a Battle upon the *Rhine* was ſoon expected there. Prince *William* of *Heſſe-Caſſel* having taken leave of his Majeſty for this Year, left *Herenhauſen* on Tueſday Se'nnight, to make the beſt of his Way to the *Rhine*. His Majeſty has not as yet fix'd the Time of his Return to *England*, ſome Affairs of very great Importance waiting the laſt Hand to be put to them.

The *South-Sea* Company's Snow the *St. George*, Capt. *Ranton*, who is arriv'd at *Portſmouth* from the *Havannah*, had been abroad about five Years, and was given over by the Company for loſt.

Yeſterday they began to pave *Lincoln's-Inn-Fields* on the Weſt Side at the Duke of *Newcaſtle's*; the Foot-Path is to be ten Feet wide all round and pav'd with Squares, and Stone-Poſts at equal Diſtances; the Coach-way will be 44 Feet wide, and pav'd with Peebles, all upon a Flat: The Dwarf-Wall is to be all of *Portland* Stone, the Foundation, which is Brick, being not to be ſeen; the ſaid Wall is only a Foot and half high, and the Palliſadoes four Feet and a half, ſo that it will be ſix Feet high in the Whole. The ſaid Fields, with the ſeveral Streets behind the South, Weſt, and North Sides thereof, ſo far as the Houſes, Out-houſes, Ground or Appurtenances do extend, was from *Midſummer* laſt made a diſtinct and ſeparate Ward by Act of Parliament, as to Scavenger and Watch, nor ſhall be liable to pay the ſame, being empower'd to appoint thoſe Perſons themſelves.

Yeſterday Morning the Body of a young Woman was found drowned in the *Serpentine* River: She was extremely well dreſſed, and about 20 Years of Age. There was found in her Pockets a Green Silk Purſe with half a Guinea, and a Paper with a Direction to a Gentleman who lodges in *Great Poland-ſtreet*, whither ſhe was carried, and the Gentleman was pleaſed to direct the Bearers to her Father's, who is a Tradeſman in *High-Holborn*, whither ſhe was carried in a Coach: The Coroner's Inqueſt ſat Yeſterday in the Afternoon on her Body, and brought in their Verdict, *Non compos mentis*.

On Wedneſday Night laſt the Houſe of Mr. *George Kemp*, a Merchant in the Borough of *Southwark*, was ſet on Fire by about a Pound of Gunpowder that was left in a Paper by ſome malicious Perſons; but No-body knows how it took Fire.

The ſame Night the Houſe of Mr. *Robert Goodrich*, a rich Farmer in *Kent* near *Lewiſham*, was broke open and robbed of Plate, Linnen, and other Goods to a conſiderable Value, by three young Men well armed, reſolute, and deſperate. They tied Mr. *Goodrich* and two of his Servants Hands and Feet, and obliged his Wife to ſhew them where the Money was, which ſhe did for fear, the Rogues threatning to kill her and her Husband: They took one of his Horſes from the Stable, and went away about One o'Clock Yeſterday Morning.

Death. Yeſterday died Mr. *Chillingworth*, an eminent Gold-Beater, who had been upwards of 30 Years a Common-Council-Man of the Ward of *Farringdon Without*.

FOREIGN NEWS.

LETTERS from *Warſaw* of the 14th Inſtant ſay, that King *Auguſtus* has ſettled a Penſion of 3000 Crowns a Month on the Primate of *Poland*, in Conſideration of his Loſſes during the late Troubles.

We have more Particulars of the Conſpiracy at *Mantua:* A Bombardier had undertaken to ſpoil the greateſt Part of the Cannon and Mortars of the Place, and was to retire afterwards to the Ally'd Camp: That Traitor was quarter'd alive, and his Quarters ſet up in four different Parts of the Town: During the Execution his Wife and Daughter, who were privy to the Affair, were obliged to ſtand under the Gallows, and were afterwards ſhamefully baniſh'd.

They write from *Vienna*, that it was certain the Elector of *Bavaria* had promiſed to ſend his Contingent to the Army on the *Rhine*, and that a Treaty was on foot for taking a Body of *Bavarian* Troops into the Emperor's Service. Letters from the *Upper Rhine* of the 27th of *Auguſt* relate, that Part of the *Ruſſian* Troops were arrived near *Heidelberg*, where the *Imperial* Army commanded by Prince *Eugene* was expected from *Bruchſal:* Prince *George* of *Heſſe-Caſſel* was actually on the March towards *Mentz* with a Body of Troops he commands, and a Train of Artillery; and by all the Preparations made, it was believed that Prince *Eugene* intends to paſs the *Rhine*.

The *Paris* A-la-main gives the following Particulars of the Deſign the *Imperialiſts* had laid to beat up the Duke *de Noailles*'s Quarters.

'The *Imperialiſts* in the *Tyroleze* had form'd 'a Deſign to fall on the Marſhal *de Noailles*'s 'Quarters at *Caſtigliona d'Eſtivero*, pretty near 'the Lake of *Garda*; but the Marſhal receiving Advice of it, ſent for four Pieces of 'Cannon and ſeveral Bodies of Troops, in 'order to give them a good Reception; but 'their Enterprize miſcarried by other Means; 'for having put a conſiderable Number of 'Men on board of ſeveral Barks on the Lake, 'ſo great a Storm aroſe in the Night, that 'the greateſt Part of the Barks were overſet, 'and the reſt diſpers'd; a great many Men 'were drowned: And thus a large Body of 'Horſe, each Trooper having a Foot-Soldier 'behind him, which was marching along the 'Side of the Lake, was oblig'd to return with-'out making any Attempt.'

Letters from *Hanover* mention the Arrival there of the Count *de Montijo*, Ambaſſador from *Spain* to the King of *Great Britain*; and add, that he was introduced the ſame Afternoon to his *Britannick* Majeſty in the Orangerie of the Gardens at *Herenhauſen*, by the Great Chamberlain the Marquis *de la Foreſt*.

Letters from *Mantua* of the 12th Inſt. confirm the valiant Defence made by the Governor of *Mirandola*, who had annoyed the Enemy by ſeveral Stratagems, and made a great Slaughter of them in a Sally ſince the Rains ſet in. He lately ordered a great Quantity of Straw to be got together in the Streets, and ſet on Fire to make a Blaze, whilſt the People were ordered to ſcream as in a Fright: The *Spaniards* rode up a full Gallop to ſee what was the Matter, and to take the Opportunity of any Confuſion; but being come within Reach, they were ſaluted by the Cannon loaded with Cartouch-Shot, which killed a great Number of them, and wounded a much greater.

Rome, Auguſt 13. The Pope has order'd eighty thouſand Buſhels of Corn to be bought in *Holland* and other Countries for the Relief of thoſe Inhabitants of the Eccleſiaſtical State, whoſe Lands have ſuffer'd in the preſent War, and who were oblig'd to ſell their Corn and Forage to the *Spaniſh* Troops in their March through that State.

Naples, Auguſt 9. Prince *Ragotzi*, who has reſided ſome Time in this Kingdom, has lately received Orders to retire, and to enable him to do ſo immediately, his *Neapolitan* Majeſty has given him 600 Piſtoles.

By the laſt Accounts from *Italy* the *Spaniards* had ſprung a Mine before *Mirandola*, and demoliſh'd an Out-work. 'Tis remark'd, that to cover themſelves from the Fire of the Beſieg'd, they have buried themſelves in Trenches as deep again as any ever were known. The gallant Governor has made a new Sally upon the Beſiegers, but was repuls'd, the *Spaniards* ſay, with conſiderable Loſs.

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